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SUBJECT: SHIPPING DISCRIMINATION: COMPULSORY PILOTAGE SCHEME
FOR TOKYO BAY

REF: STATE 285085

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBOFF RAISED MATTER OF UPCOMING PILOTAGE REQUIREMENT AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DISCRIMINATION BASED ON NATIONALITY IN MEETING WITH MOT SHIPPING BUREAU AND SEAMAN'S BUREAU OFFICIALS ON NOVEMBER 22. EMBOFF EXPRESSED HOPE THAT REGULATION CAN BE CHANGED TO USING EXPERIENCE RATHER THAN NATIONALITY AS YARDSTICK AND ASKED FOR INFORMAL ASSURANCES THAT EXCEPTIONS WOULD, IN PRACTICE, BE MADE UNTIL REGULATION CAN BE CHANGED. MOT OFFICIALS WERE COMPLETELY NON-COMMITTAL AND EMBOFF ASKED THAT THEY CONSIDER MATTER AND REPLY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME FRAME; I.E. A WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

2. FYI: LOCAL SEALAND OFFICE HAS NEVER CONTACTED US DIRECTLY ON THIS MATTER AND WE HAVE LEARNED FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THAT ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN SHIP OWNERS IN JAPAN (WHICH INCLUDES SEALAND) HAS DECIDED ISSUE IS NOT WORTH WORRYING ABOUT AS MOST INTERNATIONAL MASTERS, INCLUDING JAPANESE MASTERS, DO NOT MEET PRESENT CRITERIA OF FOUR TRIPS

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ANNUALLY SO NEW DISCRIMINATION BASED ON NATIONALITY WOULD

HAVE LITTLE PRACTICAL EFFECT. SEALAND REP HERE, HOWEVER,
DISSENTS FROM ASSOCIATION VIEWS. END FYI.

3. GIVEN THE LEVEL OF ITS OPERATIONS OUT OF YOKOHAMA
(WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE STRAITS OF URAGA AND THE TOKYO
BAY AREA), SEALAND HAS A LEGITIMATE CONCERN, AND, SINCE
WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM THE MOT, PLAN TO
FOLLOW UP WITH THE 2ND INTL ECONOMIC DIVISION OF THE MOFA.
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